Statement

Detail of Vacant posts of judges in High Courts and Supreme Court

S.No.	Court	Vacancies as on 16.4.2008	Number of vacant posts filled during 16.4.2006 and 15.4.2008
	SUPREME COURT	01	08
	HIGH COURTS		
1.	Allahabad	27	02
2.	Andhra Pradesh	08	04
3.	Bombay	01	22
4.	Calcutta	10	16
5.	Chhattisgarh	01	01
6.	Delhi	00	18
7.	Gauhati	02	08
8.	Gujarat	11	04
9.	Himachal Pradesh	00	06
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	03	02
11.	Jharkhand	03	00
12.	Karnataka	02	07
13.	Kerala	03	07
14.	Madhya Pradesh	00	07
15.	Madras	01	16
16.	Orissa	01	06
17.	Patna	04	13
18.	Punjab & Haryana	00	13
19.	Rajasthan	04	11
20.	Sikkim	01	00
21.	Uttarakhand	01	01
	TOTAL:	83	164

Retirement cycle of MLCs in Karnataka

3614. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal of the Karnataka Government for the restoration of cycle of retirement of the Members of Legislative Council for the Local Authorities Constituencies, every two years, has been pending with Government since 1994, for a decision; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in arriving at a decision in the matter and by when the same is likely to be taken and communicated to the state Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information on the matter is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacancies in Regulatory and Appellate Tribunals

3615. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in regulatory and appellate tribunals, that are required to be filled still; and

(b) the details thereof, including the duration for which each vacancy is existing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Judicial activism

3616. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, while containing the rising Dudicial activism, is contemplating measures that would promote and strengthen the system of checks and balances which is envisaged by the Constitution, for a healthy growth of our democracy;

(b) if so, the details of measures proposed and by when these would be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Judiciary is independent in India and enjoys wide powers of judicial review. However, the three organs of state have, by and large, functioned within their respective domains maintaining the doctrine of checks and balances.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal before the Government.

Disposal of cheque bounce cases

†3617. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that additional burden is increasing on courts due to cases filed in respect of cheque bounce matters;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering or proposes to make any alternative arrangement in this regard;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.